



Attorney Docket No T9376-DIV2

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: PETER PAL VARGA et al.)
TITLE: METHOD OF IMPLANTING)
AN INTERVERTEBRAL)
SPACER)
SERIAL NO.: 10/055,783) RESPONSE A WITH AMENDMENT
FILED: January 22, 2002)
EXAMINER D. Willse)
ART UNIT: 3738)

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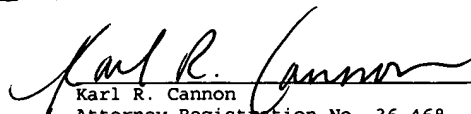
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, Paper No. 4, mailed March 12, 2003, applicants request entry of this Response A With Amendment and reconsideration of the above-captioned application. This response addresses every ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

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A shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set for response to the Office Action. Accordingly, a Petition for a three-month extension of time and check no. 6759 appropriate in amount to cover the corresponding fee are also enclosed.

Seventeen (17) new dependent claims (comprising claims 52-67, and 69) and one (1) new independent claim (comprising claim 68) have been added. Accordingly, enclosed is a captioned paper entitled "FEE TO COVER ADDITIONAL CLAIMS ADDED BY AMENDMENT", and check no. 6762 appropriate in amount to cover the corresponding fee for these additional claims.

Also enclosed is a captioned paper entitled Notification of Error in Spelling of inventor's Name and Request to Change Inventor Name from James A. Ogilvie to James W. Ogilvie.



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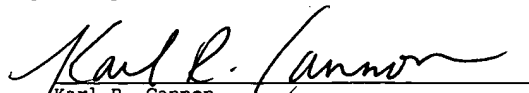
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Submitted herewith is the fee of \$204 included in Check No. 6762, to secure consideration of eighteen (18) new claims, among which include one (1) new independent claim, which are added by the response enclosed herewith entitled "Response A With Amendment."

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